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Ranger Rick's NatureScope is a creative education series dedicated to inspiring in children an understanding and appreciation of the natural world while developing the skills they will need to make responsible decisions about the environment. The topic of this issue is "Let's Hear It for the Herps!" Contents are organized into the following sections: (1) "Meet the Herps," giving information and activities on how reptiles and amphibians are alike and different, what it means to be cold-blooded, and how reptiles and amphibians evolved; (2) "Amphibians," providing information and activities on salamanders, frogs, and other amphibians, the process of metamorphosis, and some of the ways amphibians are adapted to surviving; (3) "Reptiles," providing information and activities on turtles, lizards, snakes, and other reptiles and on some of the ways they are adapted to surviving; (4) "Herps in Our Lives," including information and activities on people's past and present relationships with herps, some of the problems these animals are facing, and some of the efforts being made to help herps survive; (5) "Crafty Corner," providing ideas for art projects; and (6) "Appendix," featuring a glossary and bibliographic information. (WRM)